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Reply to Office Action dated July 25, 2005

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courteous telephone call about the allowable subject matter.

With respect to the Office Action, concerning the objection to the drawings having reference numeral "53" for both the central drive gear and the outlying gears, as discussed with the Examiner, the specification has been amended on page 10 to recite that reference numeral "53" refers to either the central drive gear or the remaining outer gears. Reference numeral "52" is changed to "53" in the specification.

Also with respect to the specification, the word "crossection" has been amended to "cross-section" on page 5 of the specification.

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-18 are pending in the application, that claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9-11, and 13-18 are rejected and that claims 3-5, 8 and 12 are objected to.

By this response, objected claims 3, 8 and 12 are amended to put them in allowable form. For example, objected Claims 3, 8 and 12 are put in independent form, including all of limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claims 3, 8 or 12 respectively.

Objected to Claims 4 and 5 depend from presumably allowable claim 3, and are therefore also believed to be allowable.

Rejected Claims 1 and 13-18 are canceled.

Rejected Claims 2 and 6-7, 9 and 11 are amended to depend from allowable Claim 3 instead of rejected Claim 1, and are presumed to be therefore also allowable. Dependent Claim 10 depends from presumably allowable claim 9.

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In view of the above amendments and the following discussion, Applicant submits that none of the claims presently in the application are indefinite, anticipated, or obvious under the respective provisions of 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, 102, or 103. Thus, the Applicant believes that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the Applicant submits that none of the claims presently in the application are indefinite, anticipated, or obvious under the respective provisions of 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, 102, or 103. Consequently, the Applicant believes that all claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Alfred Walker at (631)-361-8737, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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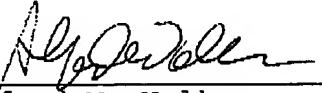
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